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6. THE UN DEBATE ON KHMER REPRESENTATION, SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 25, WILL BE POSTPONED FOR A DAY WHILE THE ORGANIZATION HONORS THE MEMORY OF FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL U THANT, WHO DIED NOVEMBER 25.

7. CO-SPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION FORMALLY REQUESTED PRIORITY FOR THEIR DRAFT NOVEMBER 21, AND HAVE DRAWN UP PLANS FOR FLOOR MANAGEMENT DURING THE DEBATE. HOSTILE CO-SPONSORS HAVE LINED UP THEIR SPEAKERS AND UNGA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLLIKA STILL PLANS TO TRY TO END THE DEBATE BY NOVEMBER 27. GKR PRIME MINISTER LONG BORET LEFT FOR NEW YORK NOVEMBER 23.

8. THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE ENDED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE GKR CREDENTIALS ISSUE.

GRUNK/FUNK

9. SIHANOUK AND THE PATHET LAO MIXED-UP SIGNALS AS SOUPHANOUVONG TOLD THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW THAT THE LAO COLAITION GOVERNMENT SHOULD RECOGNIZE BOTH SIDES IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA. THE WEEKLY SPECULATED
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THAT SUCH A PATHET LAO SHIFT MIGHT GET KHMER TALKS STARTED. CITING THE ARTICLE, SIHANOUK PROCLAIMED THAT GRUNK/FUNK AND THE CPNLAF (THE ARMY) WOULD NEVER NEGOTIATE, COMPROMISE, CEASE-FIRE, RECONCILE WITH, OR FORM A COALITION WITH, THE GKR AND DECRIED ANY INTERNATIONAL OPINION OR PRESS SPECULATION ON THESE LINES AS BOOTLESS. COMMENT: SIHANOUK COULD NOT HAVE BEEN

PLEASED AT THE HINT OF DEFECTION FROM SOLE RECOGNITION BY ONE OF THE INDOCHINESE PEOPLE'S SUMMIT POWERS, ESPECIALLY JUST BEFORE THE UN TEST. DUAL RECOGNITION FROM THE LAO, MOREOVER, SUGGESTS DE FACTO PARTITION OF CAMBODIA, AN IDEA THE PRINCE HAS CONSISTENTLY HELD ANATHEMA.

10. IN PEKING BEFORE LEADING THE ECONOMIC DELEGATION OFF TO CHINA'S HINTERLAND, IENG SARY ECHOED SIHANOUK BY REAFFIRMING THAT THE CAMBODIAN PEOPLE ARE /ADVANCING TO VICTORY...MAKONG NO COMPROMISES AND HOLDING NO NEGOTIATIONS..." ON THEIR RETURN FROM NORTH KOREA, IENG SARY AND THE DELEGATION MET WITH AILING PREMIER CHOU EN LAI IN A HOSPITAL.

11. THE CHINESE NEWS AGENCY COMMENTED THAT THE ALBANIAN RESOLUTION EXPRESSES THE JUST DEMANDS OF THE KHMER AND WORLD PEOPLES AND ASSERTED THAT THE U.S.-SUPPORTED LON NOL CLIQUE "CAN NEVER PREVENT" RESTORATION OF GRUNK'S LAWFUL RIGHTS AT THE UN.

12. CLANDESTINE RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE CPNLAF HAVE BEGUN A DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE AROUND PHNOM PENH. THE BROADCAST CLAIMED SUCCESSES AROUND BARRONG KHNAK KAR (SEE MILITARY). FUNK MILITARY PROPAGANDA IN GENERAL HAS BEEN DEFENSIVE AND MODEST TO THE POINT OF CONCEDED THAT THE GKR WILL BE AROUND, ALTHOUGH IN INCREASINGLY DIRE STRAITS, FOR THE 1975 RAINY SEASON. RADIO FUNK HAS CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE AMERICAN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, WHICH IT SEES AS ULTIMATELY FORCING REDUCTION OF U.S. AID TO CAMBODIA AND CONSEQUENT COLLAPSE OF THE GKR.

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13. RICE STOCKS IN PHNOM PENH ON NOVEMBER 24 TOTALLED 22,503 M/T OR A 29-DAY SUPPLY AT THE OFFICIAL DISTRIBUTION LEVEL OF 770 M/T PER DAY. AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PAST WEEK HAS BEEN 760 M/T PER DAY. DURING THE WEEK 303 M/T OF RICE ARRIVED FROM BATTAMBANG AND 2,602 M/T VIA THE MEKONG.

14. EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY IN SAIGON TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL RICE ON LOAN FROM VIETNAM PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL IN SAIGON OF THE FIRST U.S. SHIPMENTS OF FY 1975 PL 480 TITLE I RICE. IT IS HOPED THAT NEGOTIATIONS MAY PERMIT SHIPMENT OF A PART OF THE LOAN ON THE NEXT MEKONG CONVOY.

15. DURING THE PAST WEEK USAID-CHARTERED CRAFT DE-

LIVERED 2,087 TONS OF CORN FROM SAIGON TO PHNOM PENH.

16. PRICES WERE GENERALLY STABLE THOUGH SLIGHTLY DOWN OVERALL IN PHNOM PENH DURING THE PAST WEEK. U.S. RICE ROSE 5 PERCENT; CHARCOAL 5 PERCENT; CHICKEN EGGS 10 PERCENT; AND SALT 11 PERCENT. HOWEVER, FRESH WATER FISH DECLINED 26 PERCENT; OCEAN FISH DROPPED 33 PERCENT; AND GREEN BANANAS 14 PERCENT. VEGETABLES WERE VARIED THOUGH MODESTLY SHOWING DECLINES; ALL OTHER MAJOR COMMODITIES REMAINED RELATIVELY UNCHANGED.

17. SALES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE UNDER THE NOUVEAU MARCHE DE CHANGES RANGED FROM 1,852 TO 2,001 RIELS PER DOLLAR. THE FREE MARKET (OFFICIAL) RATE WAS UNCHANGED AT 1,610 RIELS PER DOLLAR. THE BLACK MARKET EXCHANGE RATE INCREASED FROM 1,950 TO 2,000 RIELS PER DOLLAR DURING THE WEEK. GOLD DECLINED SLIGHTLY FROM \$178.60 TO \$175.00 PER TROY OUNCE.

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18. FANK HAS ORDERED ALL UNITS TO GO ON AN INCREASED ALERT STATUS TO BE BETTER PREPARED FOR POSSIBLE ENEMY INITIATIVES TIMED TO THE UPCOMING UN DEBATE.

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19. THE ENEMY LAUNCHED TWO HEAVY ATTACKS AGAINST SVAY
RIENG OVER THE LAST WEEK. CITY DEFENDERS REPULSED BOTH
ATTACKS WITHOUT LOSING ANY POSITIONS, KILLING 40 ENEMY
IN THE PROCESS. THE NUMBER OF 107MM ROCKET ATTACKS
DIRECTED AGAINST THE CITY HAS DECREASED AND ONLY
SMALL CALIBER ABF'S AND LIGHT GROUND ATTACKS WERE BEING
REPORTED AT THE WEEK'S END, INDICATING A REDUCTION IN
ENEMY ACTIVITY. FANK FORCES ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING

SEVERAL BATTALION SIZED SWEEP OPERATIONS TO CLEAR ENEMY FROM THE AREA. COMMENT: THE RECENT OFFENSIVE AGAINST SVAY RIENG HAS APPARENTLY ENDED.

20. CONTENDING FORCES AT BARRONG KHNAR KAR TOOK A BREATHER THE FIRST PART OF THIS WEEK, THEN ON NOVEMBER 22 THE ENEMY HEAVILY ATTACKED THE POSITION WITHOUT SUCCESS, LOSING OVER 58 KILLED. ON NOVEMBER 25 FANK FORCES BEGAN OPERATIONS TO RETAKE A LOST COMPANY-SIZED POSITION REPORTEDLY ENGAGING THE ENEMY AND KILLING OVER 100, OF WHOM AT LEAST HALF WERE ATTRIBUTED TO GOOD AIR SUPPORT. AS THE WEEK CLOSED COMBAT WAS CONTINUING AT THIS BESEIGED GARRISON.

21. ON NOVEMBER 21 BATTAMBANG REPORTED A BRIDGE DAMAGED BY ENEMY SAPPERS ALONG ROUTE 5 NORTHWEST
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OF MAUNG, THE RICE CONVOY WAS HELD UP FOR THREE DAYS WHILE GOVERNMENT FORCES REPAIRED THE BRIDGE AND SWEEPED THE ENEMY FROM EITHER SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. ON NOVEMBER 25 THE 210 - TRUCK RICE CONVOY LEFT BATTAMBANG AND ARRIVED AT KOMPONG CHHNANG WITHOUT INCIDENT.

22. AT PREY VENG FOUR FANK BATTALIONS SWEEPED NORTH, EAST AND SOUTH OF THE CITY, MAKING SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY AND KILLING OVER 31. SOUTH OF PREY VENG AT BANAM, THE KC OVERRAN 5 POSITIONS NORTH OF THE TOWN ON NOVEMBER 23 RESULTING IN 43 FANK KILLED WHILE THE ENEMY LOST 46. FANK COUNTERATTACK RETOOK THE LOST POSITIONS THE SAME DAY.

23. ALONG ROUTE 4 GOVERNMENT FORCES CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO CLEAR THE ENEMY FROM THE AREA. A THREE-BATTALION OPERATION INTO AN AREA NORTHWEST OF KOMPONG SPEU WAS BEGUN ON NOVEMBER 21 AND ENGAGED THE ENEMY ON NOVEMBER 22, REPORTEDLY KILLING 35 AND CAPTURING MUCH ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

24. DURING THE WEEK ONE MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVED IN PHNOM PENH SUFFERING 3 ATTACKS BY FIRE WITH NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. A NAVAL CONVOY TO KOMPONG CHAM ON NOVEMBER 21 WAS ATTACKED BY THE ENEMY SEVERAL TIMES ENROUTE, RESULTING IN 2 JUNKS, AND 1 MONITOR BEING SUNK. THE TWO JUNKS CONTAINED OVER 100 TONS OF AMMUNITION, WHICH IS NOW AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIVER. ONE TUG WAS SET AFIRE FORCING IT TO CUT LOOSE ITS TOW CONSISTING OF TWO RICE BARGES WITH 1,000 TONS OF RICE, WHICH WERE ALSO LOST TO THE ENEMY.
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